

SMART Operating Systems Volunteers Needed for All Areas

Multiple Casualty Incident Response

Casualty Collection Point

Mental Health

Pharmacy

Dental

Veterinary

Public Health

Preventive Medicine

Mortuary Affairs

Hospitalization

Laboratory

Command and Control



SMART Deployment Exercise
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SMART Activities

SMART provides volunteer support for First Responders.



SMART 1 with Mercy Flight and Erie County Emergency Services

The front line personnel in SMART are based out of the Erie County Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine. Requests for

physician assistance at an incident are coordinated by the Medical Emergency Radio System (MERS) through the Department of Emergency Services.

SMART is dispatched with a physician with special expertise in disaster management and emergency services operations. SMART maintains two vehicles equipped with multiple casualty incident equipment/supplies and a complete communications console. SMART personnel are trained to work in law enforcement tactical environments as well



Aerial View of Western New York representing the responsibility of SMART

Organization

SMART is a regional asset and its organization is

evolving as more volunteers are recruited. The Western New

York Public Health Alliance endorses SMART as a critical disaster resource. As such, SMART is building capacity in all of the Public Health Operating Systems. SMART currently includes representation from Emergency Medicine, the Pharmacy Association of Western New York, Kaleida Health, Erie County Medical Center, the Catholic Health System, the Dental Association of Western New York, the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, the Erie County Department of Health, the Erie County Department of Mental Health, and the Erie County Department of Emergency Services. An Executive Committee is forming the Charter for governing the organization under the guidance of the Commissioner of Health, Dr Anthony J. Billittier,



SMART Vehicle and Trailer containing Casualty Collection Point

SMART Training-Equipment

Funding for SMART is coordinated through the Erie County Executive, Joel Giambra, and the Erie County Legislature for the Western New York Public Health Alliance. Additional material support is provided by the University Emergency Medicine Service and the Erie County Medical Center.

Volunteers have participated in a regional Smallpox Vaccination Exercise and are preparing for a regional Radiological Incident Exercise. During the past year training included the Emergency Response to Terrorism Course, Personal Protective Equipment, Triage of Mass Casualties, Communications, Radiation Hazards and the Acute Radiation Syndrome, and operations with the Erie County Hazardous Materials Organization (ECHO).

Equipment consists of two vehicles, two trailers, hand-held radios, PPE, power, water storage, lights, heaters, medical cots, and durable and expendable medical supplies.

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